

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in silent reverie to recognize the lifetime achievements of Louise K. Buttner, an outstanding Missourian who positively touched the lives of countless individuals during her glorious journey on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Louise Buttner was born to Adolf and Sophia Stfeile Bloed on April 30, 1901, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was living at St. Joseph Home for the Aged in Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 25, 2004, when God took her home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light at the remarkable age of 102 years, 11 months, and 5 days; and

Whereas, Louise Buttner will be greatly missed by her grieving family whose members include several nieces and nephews, all of whom live in Germany; and

Whereas, Louise Buttner had also nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of her family who preceded her in death, including her parents; her first husband, John Kraft; her second husband, Frederick Buttner; and her siblings, Matilda, Sister Mariana, who was a Carmelite Sister, Walburga Roming, Anna, Joseph, Albert, Francis, and Leo; and

Whereas, Louise will always have a precious place in the hearts of her dear friends, Jacquie Geary and donna Stokes, caretakers at St. Joseph Home for the Aged, both of whom will remember her fondly; and

Whereas, Louise Buttner attended Altheim School in Altheim, Germany; immigrated to the United States when she was in her twenties; became a naturalized citizen on April 13, 1945, in Suffolk County New York; and distinguished herself as an upstairs maid and nanny for very affluent families in New York; and

Whereas, a member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lantana, Florida, Louise Buttner was a devout Catholic who attributed her wonderful faith in God to her mother and grandmother Walburga; and

Whereas, Louise Buttner enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes during her lifetime, some of which included spending time with children, working in her flower garden, baking and cooking, and living by the ocean:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Louise Buttner and in expressing to her family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Louise K. Buttner.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker